

Foundation design would depend on the nature of the seabed. The substructure should be one that could be installed quickly and efficiently and exist for the operational life of the wind farm with minimum maintenance. A detailed study to identify the physical parameters of the site would allow turbine sizes, foundation types and likely installation methodologies to be ascertained. A number of options for foundation type and installation methods would be presented in the ES (environmental statement).

Turbines would be electrically connected to each other and offshore substations via inter-array cable circuits. Offshore substations would house transformer(s), associated switchgear equipment, accommodation and possibly a helipad

Development Stage:

SSE currently plans to progress the EIA and consent application next year (2014). The pre-submission public exhibitions that were previously planned for summer 2013 are expected to be held next year (2014)

Timeline:

Scoping Report available online: 09/03/2011

Scoping Opinion available online: 09/03/2011

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More details are needed to estimate the impact the development will have on the local wave resource and surfing community.

